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Authorities are searching for a man who held up a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., bank shirtless and then fled with a woman who sported a belt made of handcuffs. According to police, the man demanded money from a teller at a Bank of America branch on Friday afternoon and implied he had a weapon. The teller gave the man an unspecified amount of cash, and the man then fled on foot with the woman. (AP)

“There’s probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life.”

— A GIANT STICKER THAT NEW ZEALAND ATHEISTS WANT TO PUT ON THE SIDES OF BUSES. SIMILAR STICKERS WERE PLACED ON BUSES IN LONDON EARLIER THIS YEAR.

Thumbless Hitchhiker Has to Improvise

A Tualatin, Ore., man says a kitten apparently hitched a 120-mile ride in the wheel well of his SUV. Marc Lichty left Olympia, Wash., Wednesday. He heard meowing when he was at a rest stop but couldn’t see a cat. When he reached home, he heard the meowing again and grabbed a flashlight. Sure enough, “the cat was up underneath in the spare tire spot.” The animal had no collar or microchip; Lichty says he’ll keep the kitten. (AP)



The Big Picture



THAT’S SOME MAKEUP JOB. A woman costumed as a black-and-white Santa stood out in a sea of red at San Francisco’s Santacon pub crawl Friday. Santacons took place in cities across the nation this weekend, with men and women dressed up as St. Nick crowding bars and city streets. (EXPRESS)



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In Brief

NEW YORK

Trailblazing Economist Samuelson Dies at 94



Samuelson

Renowned economist Paul Samuelson — who won a Nobel prize for his effort to bring mathematical analysis into economics, helped shape tax policy in the Kennedy administration and wrote a textbook read by millions of college students — died Sunday. He was 94. Samuelson was the first American to win the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences. (AP)

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Palin Finishes Book Tour

Sarah Palin returned to Alaska Sunday to wrap up her national "Going Rogue" book tour. The former Alaska governor, who gained instant fame with her run last year as the Republican vice presidential candidate, was holding her final book signings at two Air Force bases. (AP)

NEW PORT RICHEY, FLA.

Rottweiler Kills Toddler

Authorities say a Rottweiler attacked and killed a Florida toddler when the boy reached to pick up a cookie he had dropped. Kevin Doll of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office says 20-month-old Dallas Walters was at his aunt's home during a party Saturday night. (AP)

Senate OKs \$1.1T Spending Bill

Congress scrambles to wrap up its work before the holidays

Washington

The Senate on Sunday passed a \$1.1 trillion spending bill with increased budgets for vast areas of the federal government including health, education, law enforcement and veterans' programs.

The 1,000-page-plus package, one of the last essential chores of Congress this year, passed 57-35 and now goes to President Obama for his signature.

The weekend action underlined the legislative crush Congress faces as it tries to wind up the year. After the vote, the Senate immediately returned to debate on health care legislation that has consumed its time and energy for weeks. Senate Democrats hope to reach a consensus in the coming days on Obama's chief domestic priority.

The spending bill combines six of the 12 annual appropriation bills for the 2010 budget year that began on Oct. 1. Obama has signed into



Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., left, and Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., confer after the vote.

law five others.

The final one, a \$626 billion defense bill, will be used as the base bill for another catch-all package of measures that Congress must deal with in the coming days. Those include action to raise the \$12.1 trillion debt ceiling and proposals to stimulate the job market.

All but three Democrats voted for the bill, while all but three Republicans opposed it.

Democrats said the spending was critical to meet the needs of a recession-battered economy. "Every bill that is passed, every project that is funded and every job that is created helps America take another step forward on the

More Than Money

Here are some of the highlights of the \$1.1 trillion spending bill the Senate passed on Sunday:

- ▶ Allots \$3.9 billion for more than 5,000 "earmarks," or home-state projects sought by lawmakers.
- ▶ Brings a pay raise for federal employees averaging 2 percent.
- ▶ Establishes an appeals process for automobile dealers closed by General Motors and Chrysler.
- ▶ Allows Amtrak passengers to transport firearms in checked luggage.
- ▶ Eases restrictions on federal funding of needle exchange programs nationwide to combat the spread of disease by drug users.

HARRY HAMBURG/AP

road of economic recovery," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said after the vote.

Republicans decried what they called out-of-control spending and pointed to an estimated \$3.9 billion in the bill for more than 5,000 local projects sought by individual lawmakers from both parties.

JIM ABRAMS (AP)



LEGACIES

You may not know his name, but everyone knows his work. Robert G. Heft, the man credited with designing and sewing the first 50-star American flag, died Saturday in Saginaw, Mich., at age 67. Heft made the flag in 1958 as part of a high school history project in Lancaster, Ohio. He spent more than 12 hours sewing the design on his mother's Singer sewing machine. President Dwight D. Eisenhower chose Heft's design to replace the 48-star flag. (AP)

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Gay Mayor-Elect: Look to Houston

Politician who won runoff vote says city is hotbed of diversity

Houston

The first openly gay person to be elected mayor of Houston says she hopes her victory in Saturday's election will change how the world views the city.

Houston is the nation's fourth-largest city and the biggest to elect an openly gay mayor.

Mayor-elect Annise Parker spoke Sunday at a press conference after defeating former city attorney Gene Locke with 53.6 percent of the vote in the hotly contested runoff election. Parker takes office as mayor Jan. 1.

Parker calls her election a historic day for Houston's gay and lesbian community. She says she hopes it shows the world that Houston is a diverse international community that welcomes everyone.



DAVID J. PHILLIPS/AP

Annise Parker was elected the mayor of Houston Saturday in a runoff election.

The city of 2.2 million has about 60,000 residents who identify themselves as gay or lesbian.

"This election has changed the world for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Just as it is about transforming the lives of all Houstonians for the better, and that's what my administration will be about," Parker said after Locke conceded defeat Saturday. (AP)

Here Comes Rubble



JOSH BACHMAN/AP

A MAN SNAPS PICTURES of rubble after the Ocean Tower on South Padre Island, Texas, was torn down on Sunday afternoon. Construction on the 31-story condominium project began in 2006 but stopped last summer when it became obvious the tower was sinking faster than attached parking garages, causing catastrophic cracks in beams and columns.

Hearsay



"You know, that was actually ... the most emotional speech that I've made, in terms of how I felt about it."

— PRESIDENT OBAMA, RESPONDING TO CRITICISM THAT HE SEEMED EMOTIONALLY DETACHED DURING HIS ADDRESS ON AFGHANISTAN.

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In Brief



A photo obtained by The AP shows Iranian protesters in Tehran on Sunday.

TEHRAN, IRAN
Students Renew Rallies

Hundreds of students at Tehran University continued anti-government protests on Sunday, accusing authorities of fabricating images of demonstrators burning photos of the Islamic Republic's founder. Students say authorities are using the images of burning photos as a pretext to crack down on their protests. (AP)

SANTIAGO, CHILE
Right-Wing Billionaire, Ex-President in Runoff

Chile's presidential race is headed to a runoff election between right-wing billionaire Sebastian Pinera and former president Eduardo Frei. Pinera has 44 percent support with 60 percent of the votes counted in Sunday's election. That's shy of a majority, so he'll face Frei again on Jan. 17. (AP)

BAGHDAD
Iraq: U.S. Military Gave Warning on Deadly Blasts

The U.S. military had warned of an imminent attack hours before last week's deadly bombings in Baghdad, but the tip came too late to act on, Iraqi security officials said Sunday as outraged lawmakers pressed for answers about Iraq's ability to protect the capital. (AP)

UNITED NATIONS
Two U.N.-AU Staffers Are Released in Darfur

Two civilian members of the joint United Nations-African Union peacekeeping mission in Darfur who were held hostage for more than 100 days have been freed, the U.N. said Sunday. The staffers, a man and a woman, were abducted at gunpoint in West Darfur on Aug. 29. (AP)

Activists Pursue Magic Number

Negotiators seek key CO2 goal at the U.N. climate conference

Copenhagen

As police cracked down on climate protesters, church bells tolled 350 times Sunday to impress on the U.N. global warming conference a number that is gaining a following but is also awash in contradictions.

Conference negotiators went behind closed doors in talks to pin down an elusive new pact on climate talks in which the figure 350 looms as a goal for true believers, but one that appears impossible based on progress so far.

It refers to 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, the highest concentration that some leading scientists say the world can handle without sparking dangerous climate effects.

"It's the most important number in the world," said Bill McKibben, founder of the activist group 350.org. "It's the line between habitability on this planet and a really, really desolate future."

About 100 nations at the U.N. climate summit have signed on to the idea of heading for 350.

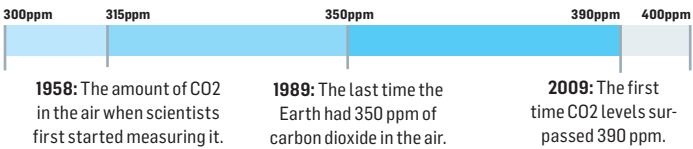
But reducing carbon dioxide



Demonstrators stage a rally in Copenhagen Sunday to call on delegates at the U.N. climate conference to curb climate change.

A Moving Target?

The world has actually lived with more than 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere for a while.



Since the atmosphere surpassed the 350 level in 1989, ice sheets have been melting, among other changes. Prominent scientists have said 350 ppm is the only safe level of CO2 in the air, but many political leaders and some scientists disagree. (AP)

levels to 350 would mean reversing the trend of the past couple centuries. Carbon dioxide stays in the atmosphere for up to 100 years. And the emissions cuts currently being pledged by developed countries are aimed at having CO2 levels peak at about 450 — not 350 — in coming decades.

Meanwhile, for a second day in a row, police cracked down on activists in Copenhagen. More than 200 were detained as police stopped an unauthorized rally. SETH BORENSTEIN (AP)

Attacker Bloodies Face of Italian PM Berlusconi

Rome

An attacker hurled a statuette at Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, striking the leader in the face at the end of a rally on Sunday and leaving the stunned 73-year-old with a bloodied mouth, police said.

The 42-year-old man accused of attacking Berlusconi in Milan as he signed autographs was immediately taken into custody. The Italian leader was rushed to a hospital, where he was being held overnight.

State TV showed Berlusconi with blood under his nose, on his mouth



Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi reacts after being attacked in Milan on Sunday.

and under one eye as he was lifted to his feet by aides after the attack. The leader was hustled into a car, but he immediately got out, apparently to show he was not badly injured.

Berlusconi suffered a "small fracture" of the nose, two broken teeth and an injury to his lip, said Paolo Klun, chief spokesman for Milan's San Raffaele Hospital.

State TV showed what appeared to be the attacker's hand coming close to Berlusconi's face while holding a souvenir statue of Milan's Duomo, then letting go of the object as it hit the premier's face. (AP)

DENIALS



Buckingham Palace has denied a report that the queen is passing more of her duties to her grandson, Prince William. Royal spokesman Miguel Head said the report in the Mail on Sunday that William is being groomed to be "shadow king" is nonsense. (AP)

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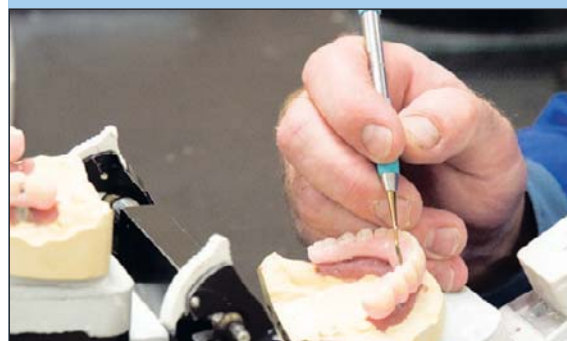
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World

Crises Roil Philippines

As three-day hostage standoff ends, Islamic radicals aid jailbreak

Manila, Philippines

Tribal gunmen freed 47 hostages in the southern Philippines on Sunday, but the region continued to be wracked by violence as suspected Islamic radicals staged a deadly jailbreak in which dozens of inmates were freed, including comrades accused of beheading marines.

The three-day hostage standoff in Agusan del Sur province and the jail raid on Basilan island come on the heels of a political massacre last month in a nearby frontier region in which 57 people were killed. The back-to-back crises underscore the complexity of conflicts raging in the country's south, an impoverished region awash with firearms, outlaws, political warlords and Muslim insurgents.

On Basilan island, a new security dilemma unfolded early Sunday when about 70 suspected Islamic radicals stormed the provincial jail



People await the release of their relatives who were held hostage in the Philippines.

Captors Appeased

The 47 hostages freed Sunday
were among the more-than 75 people who were snatched Thursday by gunmen trying to evade police serving warrants for a string of charges, including murder. Some of the hostages were freed immediately after the kidnapping. Vice Gov. Santiago Cane said the gunmen gave up the remaining hostages after negotiators said the captors would not be arrested on past charges. (AP)

with a sledgehammer, bolt cutters and guns, provincial Vice Gov. Al Rasheed Sakalahul said.

Among the 31 inmates who escaped were 12 militants from the violent Abu Sayyaf group, which has been linked to al-Qaeda, regional military commander Maj. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino said.

"All these are high-risk prisoners," Sakalahul said, adding that troops, backed by air force helicopters, were closing in on some of the fleeing inmates. None had been caught by late Sunday. JIM GOMEZ (AP)

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Personal Finance

How to Eat, Drink and Be Thrifty

TV hosts share tips for a budget-friendly holiday celebration

Entertaining

One of the best things about the holiday season is the excuse to gather family and friends for a feast. TV cooking hosts Paula Deen and Sandra Lee share some ideas for indulging your guests without breaking the bank.

Have a Game Plan

Before you hit the grocery aisles, consider setting a budget. That way, you'll know how much you can spend on each dish. Once you're ready to map out a menu, pick recipes you know you can manage. "The hostess sets the mood," Deen said. "So, if you come in haggard and stressed out, you're going to pass that on to the guests."

Keep It Simple

Crowd-pleasing appetizers and desserts are generally easier to throw together without spending a lot. So, focus your energies on the main course.



TV cooking host Paula Deen says you should cook familiar foods for a holiday feast.

That doesn't mean you should sink your budget into filet mignon. Affordable cuts of meat can go over just as well. And don't worry that turkey and ham is too ho-hum. They're old favorites for a reason. If you don't want to spend too much time on dessert, pick up a box

of cake mix. You can spruce it up by substituting the water in the recipe with juice or coffee. So, instead of a plain dessert, you could serve an orange- or mocha-infused cake. "It's festive, and it cuts that packaged taste," Lee said.

Limit Drinks

Stocking a bar can torpedo your budget, so focus on one or two drinks. If you opt for two, make them contrast. Try serving a whiskey-based drink, which could be balanced by a lighter, champagne cocktail. Remember not to waste money on expensive alcohol for mixed drinks, since the other ingredients will dominate the taste.

Use What You Have

Finally, don't spend a lot on decor. Dig out vases and fill them with fruit, or strategically place ornaments around the house. Otherwise, go to a craft store and pick up some small wreaths or pine to place in windows or on doors. If you've put up a Christmas tree, you might not have much work to do at all. Tidy up the house, and it could be in shape for a party. CANDICE CHOI (AP)

DISCUSSIONS Regulation

The House passed legislation Friday governing Wall Street, the biggest overhaul of laws covering banks and other financial institutions since the New Deal. Senate action is expected early next year. Here's what the legislation could mean for you if it winds up on President Obama's desk.

Who does the legislation affect? Financial institutions, both banks and nonbanks; homeowners, borrowers and credit card holders; insurance companies; hedge funds; traders in complex derivatives; and securities rating companies.

What changes are consumers likely to see if Congress passes the bill? The legislation creates a Consumer Finance Protection Agency that would oversee consumer lending — mortgages, credit cards, payday loans and terms on savings accounts. It would take consumer regulation and enforcement powers away from bank regulators. Under current law, states cannot supersede federal consumer laws, but the legislation would permit states in some instances to impose tougher consumer laws on financial institutions. Banks could potentially escape state laws by claiming they "materially" impair the business of banking. JIM KUHNHEHN (AP)

77% The portion of people in a recent online poll who said they would pay down debt if they had an extra \$500 this holiday season. Fourteen percent of the people polled said they'd put the windfall in a savings account. The survey by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling found people are much more concerned about bills than gifts in the bad economy. (AP)

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**OUT OF THE WOODS BUSINESS?**

Accenture became the first sponsor to completely cut ties with Tiger. Here's how others are responding:

DISTANCING THEMSELVES

1. **Gatorade:** Dropped his drink line in a decision it said is unrelated to the scandal, but parent company Pepsi is backing the golfer.
2. **Tag Heuer:** The watchmaker has reportedly pulled advertisements in Australia.
3. **Gillette:** Ads featuring Woods will be withheld for now.

NO CHANGE FOR NOW

4. **Nike:** Offered public support for Woods' hiatus.
5. **Electronic Arts:** Taking a wait-and-see approach.

Can Tiger Save Face?

Woods hopes a break from golf will restore his value as a premier pitchman

Marketing

Tiger Woods' hiatus from golf is a first step toward repairing his family and, presumably, his public image. But whether the hiatus offers breathing space to his corporate sponsors is unclear days after Friday's announcement.

A day after Gillette decided to withhold ads featuring Woods for the time being, global consulting firm Accenture Ltd. cut all ties with the world's No. 1 golfer on Sunday. "After careful consideration and analysis, the company has determined that he is no longer the right representative for its advertising," said Accenture, which became the first major sponsor to drop Woods.

Perhaps sensing what was to come, Woods acknowledged the damage in Friday's announce-

"They always say there is no one bigger in golf than the game itself. But Tiger is."

— JOHN DALY, AS QUOTED BY THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR IN A STORY QUESTIONING WHETHER PRO GOLF CAN SURVIVE WHILE TIGER WOODS IS AWAY FROM THE SPORT

ment that he is taking an indefinite break from golf.

"I am deeply aware of the disappointment and hurt that my infidelity has caused to so many people, most of all my wife and children," he said in the statement on his Web site. "After much soul searching, I have decided to take an indefinite break from professional golf. I need to focus my attention on being a better husband, father, and person."

To many people, sponsors' decisions might look pretty clear-cut:

Reports of a growing number of extramarital affairs have so damaged the golfing icon that companies should drop him right away. Most marketers apparently agree. Seventy-six percent of marketers said if their companies were represented by Woods, they'd cancel, reduce or suspend the business relationship, according to a survey of 600 senior marketers released Friday by the Argyle Executive Forum.

What's surprising is what the other 24 percent would do. About 22 percent said they would main-

tain the relationship, and 2 percent said they would increase it.

Some experts say Woods' biggest corporate sponsors can't pull out because he is too tied to their brand. "Nike has 800 million reasons to stay with Tiger — that's the annual revenue he generates for Nike Golf — and other sponsors are similarly situated," Scotland's Daily Record quoted sports marketer Rick Horrow as saying.

Much will depend on how well Woods performs if or when he returns to golfing. If he continues to win major championships, then he will probably remain an effective spokesman for golf clubs and other sports equipment. The non-sports endorsements could depend on how well he rebuilds his image off the field.

"It's not quite clear he'll get back to the very clean brand that he was," said Anita Elberse, a professor at Harvard Business School. But "time can change things very dramatically." LAURENT BELSIE (THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

The Web He Weaves

Like any good celebrity scandal, the Tiger Woods drama has triggered a spike in traffic to Web sites offering details of his car crash and his "infidelities."

- One of the most heavily trafficked sites has been Woods' own site, where he has posted his only public comments since his car accident. The site got 488,000 unique visitors the week of his Nov. 27 crash, according to the Nielsen Co.
- The Orlando Sentinel newspaper, which serves the area of Woods' home, scored about 1.2 million unique visitors on its Web site the week of the crash, Nielsen said.
- Visits to the entertainment site TMZ.com and sports news site Deadspin.com, which both had scoops on the Woods story, were up more than 50 percent, according to Hitwise, a Web analysis company.
- Yahoo says searches on its site for Woods' name have increased nearly 4,000-fold in the last 30 days. (AP)

50%

The percentage that the PGA Tour's TV ratings dropped while Woods recovered from knee surgery. With 33 events set for network television in 2010, and 10 more on the Golf Channel, television executives are anxiously waiting to see how long "indefinite" means. (AP)

In Brief

FREDERICK, MD.

Md. Governor to Attend Interchange Opening



O'Malley

Gov. Martin O'Malley will be in Frederick Monday for the opening of a new \$107 million highway interchange. The interchange at Interstate 70 and Route 85 is meant to ease congestion and improve driver safety. It also includes an extension of East Street and enhanced access to Frederick's MARC train station. It's known as the "Gateway to Frederick."

FAIRFAX, VA.

Funding for Dulles Metro Stops Gets Initial OK

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has given preliminary approval to create a special tax district to pay for three planned Metro stations in Northern Virginia. It would pay for \$330 million in construction costs for stops from Reston to Dulles International Airport. (AP)

ROCKVILLE, MD.

Montgomery Inmate Dies

Montgomery County police say an inmate at the county jail has died. The inmate was found early Sunday hanging from his bed with a bedsheet around his neck. He was pronounced dead at a hospital. Correctional officers had been checking on the inmate every half-hour. No foul play is suspected in the death (AP)

The Lotteries

Sunday, Dec. 13

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D.C. Five (Sun.)..... 3-9-1-8-6

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Mid-day Pick 4..... 6-7-0-5

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3..... 7-9-6
Mid-day Pick 4..... 1-3-6-2
Mid-day Cash 5..... 12-15-20-28-30

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a claims location. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

D.C.'s Achievement Gap Remains

Federal report shows slim gain in racial divide of city students

Washington

Last week's federal report card on math achievement was a welcome piece of good news for D.C. public schools. Although the District still lags the country's top-performing systems, the report card showed fourth- and eighth-graders making strides at a faster pace over the past two years than cities including Atlanta, Chicago and New York.

But what remains embedded in

the latest numbers from the National Assessment of Educational Progress is the persistent achievement gap between black and white students both locally and nationally. The average scores of white D.C. fourth-graders over the past two years grew from 262 to 270 (on a scale of 500), but their black peers' rose just three points, from 209 to 212. The achievement gap actually grew between 2007 and 2009, from 53 to 58 points.

Blacks' progress in the eighth grade remained essentially flat, dipping a statistically insignificant one point, from 245 to 244. Average white scores were not included in the test results,



Chancellor Michelle Rhee says that D.C. needs to find better ways to address the needs of low-achieving students.

because the sample size wasn't large enough.

The picture across a six-year stretch isn't more encouraging. The gap separating white and black fourth-graders in 2003, when the first NAEP in the District was given, was 60 scale points (262 to 202). Although the scores achieved by children in both groups have increased during this peri-

od, the difference has barely narrowed to 58.

Some education advocates in the District expressed concern last week that the gains celebrated by Chancellor Michelle A. Rhee and Mayor Adrian M. Fenty were propelled largely by white students who are already high achievers.

Rhee said the District needs to continue to find better ways to address the needs of low-achieving students.

"I just think we have to keep working at bringing the best interventions to those students who are below grade level," Rhee said.

BILL TURQUE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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MARVIN JOSEPH/TWP

JAMAL DUCOTE PETERS graduated Saturday from the National Guard's Freestate Challenge Academy, a boot camp program in Aberdeen, Md., for unemployed high school dropouts. The residential academy's military-style regimen of discipline, physical training and intense classroom work to a get a degree gives kids a second chance at life. | washingtonpost.com/local

High Marks For Fairfax Tap Water

Fairfax, Va.

An environmental group says the Fairfax County Water Authority is among the best in the nation at keeping pollutants out of tap water.

The report was released Saturday by the Environmental Working Group.

It ranks Fairfax eighth out of 100 large water utilities for its success eliminating trace-level chemicals from fertilizer, pesticides and the water-treatment process.

The report is more critical of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, which serves Montgomery and Prince George's counties, ranking it 82nd out of 100.

A WSSC spokesman says the utility's water "is perfectly safe." (AP)



FUNDING

A \$1.1 trillion spending bill passed by the Senate on Sunday would permit the D.C. government to provide abortions with locally raised revenue, needle exchange programs in the city and implementation of a medical marijuana referendum. The bill passed without restrictions. The city's non-voting delegate to Congress, Eleanor Holmes Norton, said previously that it was the first time in her memory that no conditions were attached. (AP)

Redskins Rough Up the Raiders

Defense's eight sacks power Washington to an easy victory



Redskins	7	10	0	17	34
Raiders	3	7	3	0	13

The Washington Redskins had no trouble holding onto a fourth-quarter lead against JaMarcus Russell and the Oakland Raiders.

Jason Campbell threw two touchdown passes to give Washington the lead, and Quinton Ganther put it away by running for two fourth-quarter scores in the Redskins' 34-13 victory Sunday.

The Redskins (4-9) had lost three-straight, blowing leads of six, eight and 10 points. Those losses came against upper-echelon teams in Dallas, Philadelphia and New Orleans, not the bottom-dwelling Raiders (4-9).

Washington took a 17-13 lead into the fourth quarter this week but just built on it from there against Russell and the Raiders. Oakland had won two of three, led by fourth-quarter comebacks by Bruce Gradkowski, who replaced an ineffective Russell as the Raiders quarterback last month but was injured in this one.

There would be no such comeback this week. Ganther capped an 80-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown to extend the lead to 24-13. Russell threw an interception to LaRon Landry on the next play, and Ganther scored on another one-yard run four plays later.

The Redskins then teed off on Russell, getting six of their eight



Raiders quarterback JaMarcus Russell is sacked by Redskins defensive ends Andre Carter and Brian Orakpo Sunday. The linemen have combined for 22 sacks this year.

Grading Zorn

BEST CALL: Early in the game, the Redskins hit Quinton Ganther on a 42-yard gain on a swing pass, an easy catch and run that helped build his confidence in his first start.

WORST CALL: Antwaan Randle El was terrible on punt returns again Sunday. He has been inconsistent all season and should be replaced.

BEST ADJUSTMENT: Although his numbers weren't huge, Santana Moss was a factor for the offense. Zorn found a way to get his veteran playmaker the ball, finally.

A The Redskins proved that they can fully dismantle an unprepared football team.



Left tackle Levi Jones lifts up Redskins tight end Fred Davis after a touchdown.

sacks in the second half. Rookie Brian Orakpo finished with four sacks to help the Redskins post their most lopsided win since a 21-point win over Dallas in Joe Gibbs' final regular-season game in 2007.

Russell, who lost his job last month after completing just 46.8 percent of his passes and committing 14 turnovers, entered the game to start the third quarter for Oakland after Gradkowski injured a knee late in the first half.

It was a rough day overall for the Raiders, who committed 14 penalties and lost by at least 20 points for the fifth time this season.

Campbell had a much better day, completing 16 of 28 passes for 222 yards and two first-half touchdowns to Fred Davis in the team's first road win since November 2008. JOSH DUBOW (AP)



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Sunday's Stars
Brian Orakpo
dominated the game, tallying four sacks and forcing one fumble.



Sebastian Janikowski
was the only remotely consistent Raider and kicked two field goals.



Sunday Recap

WEEK 14

Top Dogs



Chris Johnson, Titans

The Titans' speedy second-year tailback burned the Rams early and often as Tennessee rolled to a 47-7 win. Johnson carried 28 times for 117 yards and two scores. He also hauled in three passes, including a 66-yard touchdown in the 47-7 blowout.



Brandon Marshall, Broncos

Denver's star wideout wanted a new contract this off-season. On Sunday, he played like he deserved one, hauling in an NFL-record 21 catches for 200 yards and two touchdowns as the Broncos fell to the unbeaten Colts.

Up in the Air

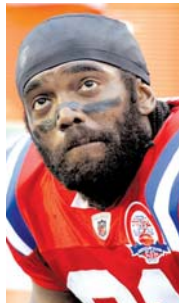


VIKINGS RUNNING BACK Adrian Peterson leaps into the end zone in Minnesota's 30-10 win over the Cincinnati Bengals Sunday. Peterson scored twice in the game.

Scoreboard

Saints 26, Falcons 23
Dolphins 14, Jaguars 10
Packers 21, Bears 14
Texans 34, Seahawks 7
Bills 16, Chiefs 10
Jets 26, Buccaneers 3
Vikings 30, Bengals 10
Patriots 20, Panthers 10
Ravens 48, Lions 3
Redskins 34, Raiders 13
Titans 47, Rams 7
Chargers 20, Cowboys 17

For results of games that ended after deadline, visit washingtonpost.com.



That Was Then, This Is Now

▶ **Randy Moss** and **Terrell Owens** were once the most feared receivers in the NFL. In Week 11 of the 2007 season, the two wideouts combined to haul in 18 balls for 301 yards and eight scores. On Sunday, they recorded just three catches for a paltry 31 yards and one touchdown between them.

Sunday's slate of games included rematches of two recent Super Bowls. While the **Patriots** beat the **Panthers**, just as they did in Super Bowl XXXVIII, the **Titans** avenged a Super Bowl XXXIV loss to the **Rams** in Sunday's 47-7 game.

The Numbers

22

The number of interceptions that Jay Culter has thrown this year. It's the most for a Bears QB since Johnny Lujack also threw 22 picks, in 1949.

548

The franchise-record number of yards the Ravens' offense gained in a 48-3 win over the Lions. Ray Rice had a career-high 166 yards rushing on 13 carries.

5

The number of touchdowns that former Heisman winners accounted for on Sunday. Reggie Bush (2), Carson Palmer, Troy Smith and Ricky Williams all scored.

Colts Set Wins Record

28 | 16

Even Peyton Manning's inconsistency couldn't derail history for the Indianapolis Colts.

Or preserve the NFL records of New England and San Francisco.

Manning was sensational, throwing three TD passes in the first 23 minutes, then mediocre, getting picked off three times in the Colts' 28-16 victory over Denver for their 22nd-consecutive regular-season win. While Manning struggled late, the defense held off the Broncos (8-5) as Indy broke the Patriots' record victory streak set just last year.

The Colts are one of seven NFL teams to go 13-0, including this year's New Orleans Saints. The 2005 Colts were also 13-0 before losing three of their final four, including a divisional-round playoff game to Pittsburgh.

It was a remarkable day for Indy and Denver. While the Colts (13-0) won their 114th game of the decade, breaking a tie with the 1990s San Francisco 49ers, and broke a franchise record with their 13th-consecutive home win as they clinched home-field advantage in the AFC playoffs, Denver receiver Brandon Marshall broke the league's single-game receptions record with 21. However, that was hardly enough



Colts tight end Dallas Clark caught three touchdown passes against the Broncos.



Meanwhile ...

Drew Brees threw for 296 yards and three touchdowns, Jonathan Vilma came up with two huge defensive plays, and the New Orleans Saints remained perfect with another tight win, 26-23 over the pesky Atlanta Falcons on Sunday. Garrett Hartley won it on a 38-yard field goal with a 4:42 remaining after the Falcons rallied from 14 points down. The offensive-minded Saints are now 13-0.

to slow down the Colts.

Indianapolis linebacker Clint Session said, when asked about the record, "It does [feel good], I'm a part of history right now, so it feels

real good. It's something we can tell our kids and grandkids that we did something no one else had done. It's definitely a great accomplishment." (AP)

Wahoo! UVa. Claims Soccer Title

College Soccer

Virginia defeated Akron 3-2 on penalty kicks after a scoreless game to win the NCAA Men's College Cup on Sunday.

The Cavaliers prevailed when Blair Gavin, who made the clinching penalty kick to help Akron eliminate North Carolina in Friday's semifinals, sent the final shot high over the crossbar.

The second-seeded Cavaliers (19-3-3) claimed their sixth Col-

lege Cup championship and first since they won four-straight national titles from 1991 to 1994.

The top-seeded Zips (23-1-1) came up short in their bid to win their school's first NCAA team championship in any sport, despite not allowing a goal in the NCAA tournament and riding a 24-game unbeaten streak into the final.

The Cavaliers finished the season on a 16-game unbeaten streak, blanking 12 of their final 13 opponents. (AP)

TV Lineup

NFL FOOTBALL (8:30 P.M., ESPN) The Arizona Cardinals aim to clinch the NFC West as they battle the San Francisco 49ers.

WIZARDS (10:30 P.M., CSN) The Wizards try to snap a three-game losing streak as they visit the Staples Center to face the Los Angeles Clippers.

NHL HOCKEY (7:30 P.M., VERSUS) In a Northeast Division battle, the Buffalo Sabres travel to Montreal to take on the Canadiens.

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Down to Business on the Farm

Woody Woodroof traded in his camera for agriculture with a philanthropic twist

Woody Woodroof was going to be an artist — specifically, a photographer. With a 1988 fine-arts degree from Ohio's Denison University, he served as staff photographer for the Valentine Richmond History Center in his hometown, did "dreamlike imagery" with a plastic camera in Guatemala, took history-of-photography classes in Arizona and experimented with making cameras out of suitcases and trash cans.

But as fun as all this was, Woodroof's cash flow was in slow motion. To make ends meet, he compressed a full-time job into three days at a Tucson group home for the developmentally disabled. "Almost immediately, I realized these were fascinating people with new ways of seeing the world — which is really what photography is all about," he says. "The job was educational and enriching; everything I'd been trying to get out of photography I was getting out of working with these guys." Noticing how poorly the residents ate, Woodroof decided to create a community garden. A family friend offered \$10,000 in "seed money" to



FIELD OF DREAMS: Woody Woodroof got a fine-arts degree from Denison University but found his passion working on the land and with the developmentally disabled.

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take the concept further. Woodroof mulled it over while he traveled east in late 1995 to photograph two weddings, crashing in another friend's barn near Clarksburg, Md. It turns out that the friend, who had run a community-supported agriculture program (CSA) for three years, wanted to move. Woodroof agreed to take over, and by January 1996 he approached the Arc of Montgomery County with the \$10,000, asking to hire developmentally disabled farm workers. With Red Wiggler Community Farm, Woodroof aims to employ developmentally disabled people, provide healthy food to group homes and food banks, educate young volunteers in environmental stewardship and keep rural areas farmed while selling produce to support the operation.

But that first year, only 12 households bought into Red Wiggler's CSA. As a nonprofit director, Woodroof was out of his element. "I was just an artist," he says. "There wasn't a lot of salesmanship there." An employee's mother suggested that Woodroof apply to Leadership Montgomery's 1998-99 class. Leadership Montgomery is an intensive, hands-on, 10-month leadership-development program in which people who live or work in the county explore and discuss community concerns.

"We educate, connect and inspire community leaders," says founder Esther Newman. Similar programs exist in most area jurisdictions; Newman says there are 2,500 across the country.

Each year's class of 45 to 49 is diverse in vocation, ethnicity, gender, geography, age and income. Those chosen must have a record of community service. Financial assistance means no one is turned away who can't afford the \$3,850 fee, though all must put up at least \$375 themselves to show commitment. The application deadline for 2010's class is May 7 (see Leader

Change
Artists



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Woody Woodroof, second from left, poses with the staff and program participants at Red Wiggler Community Farm. After starting his project, Woodroof joined Leadership Montgomery, a 10-month leadership development program that gave him insight into his community's concerns and bolstered his ability to direct a nonprofit.

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Each class has an overnight retreat at the beginning and end, and a full day together each month from October through May. It's very experiential: On the popular public-service day, for example, homework alone includes a police ride-along, a fire ride-along and a tour of the county's emergency management center. On class day, participants hear from the police and fire chiefs and may take part in a shoot/don't-shoot scenario, try the police firing range, see how mass-casualty emergencies are dealt with and so on. What they gain is a comprehensive view of public and private enterprise and access to a network

With [the farm], Woodroof aims to employ developmentally disabled people and provide healthy food.

of leaders in every line of work. About 1,500 graduates are leaders in state and local government, businesses large and small, nonprofits, the arts, banking, utilities, transportation, etc. Woodroof calls the program "incredibly helpful; it really connected me to the fabric of Montgomery County." Three of

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Red Wiggler's experienced board members are from Leadership Montgomery. "I would never have known these people otherwise," Woodroof says.

Traveling to County Council and General Assembly meetings paid off when Woodroof later asked both for funds. When lack of a long-term lease kept Red Wiggler from winning grant money, Leadership Montgomery work and contacts helped Woodruff arrange a \$1-a-year lease on a segment of county parkland. A classmate even helped him snag his solar house, built by University of Maryland students for a green competition. "Woody is an example of someone

who tapped the network beautifully," Newman says.

This summer, the award-winning farm earned organic status; it now sells CSA produce to 120 households and 70 group homes. With 740 volunteers and 15 developmentally disabled workers, it's planning a LEED-certified greenhouse/office, and its donor rolls grew even during this year's recession. "I started Red Wiggler without all the skills needed to carry it forward," says Woodroof, who hosts each year's Leadership Montgomery class for a barn lunch. Thanks to the program, he says with a grin, "I'm now a farmer who wears a suit." ELLEN RYAN

'Tis a Gift to Give to Others

Awkward Secret Santa gift swaps. Breathless chatter about the size — or lack — of year-end bonuses. Feigned admiration for the plastic Christmas tree. At some Washington workplaces, you can add charity donation drives and community service blitzes to the seasonal checklist.

Though December do-goodery has long been a corporate hallmark, these days, work-sponsored good deeds often extend throughout the rest of the year.

"Companies have realized they need to be good corporate citizens," says Lauren Conte, manager of resource development for Greater DC Cares (Dc-cares.org). "Not only are they positioned to make a huge positive impact on a community just by the nature of their size, or the expertise of their staff members, but there are also a lot of benefits for them," from a swell of cheery PR to amped-up morale among staffers. As the

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Megan Woods, right, volunteers her time at a soup kitchen with ASHA, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

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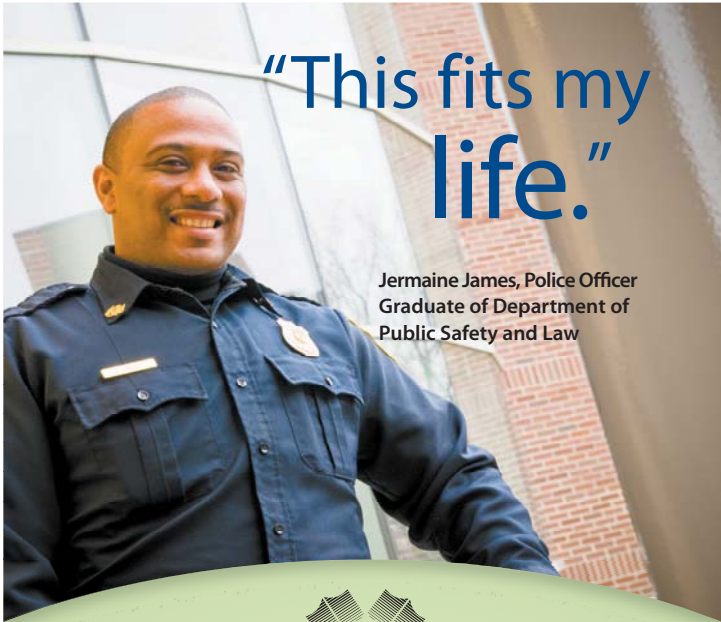
metro area's largest coordinator of volunteerism, Greater DC Cares holds four annual service events. Servathon, its flagship spring event, attracts upward of 25 local companies as sponsors, and at least double that number send teams of volunteers. That philosophy of social responsibility has permeated work cultures to the point that it has

emerged as a corporate cornerstone — and perhaps nowhere is that more true than in Washington, says Bill Hanbury, president and CEO of the United Way of the National Capital Area (unitedwaync.org). "People here are very civically minded, and a lot of folks are interested in assuring that the community is being well-served," he says. Indeed, a survey by New York-based Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy (CorporatePhilanthropy.org) found that 94 percent of respondents reported running at least one formal domestic volun-

Some companies have found meaningful ways to support nonprofits that align with their own missions.

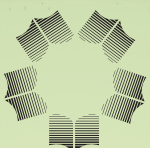
teerism program. As companies angle to boost their community involvement, some have found meaningful ways to support nonprofits that align with their own missions. This spring, Silver Spring-based Choice Hotels (choicehotels.com), for instance, announced a three-year signature cause partnership with Rebuilding Together (rebuildingtogether.org), a national nonprofit that helps rehab homes for low-income homeowners — or,

in other words, provide hospitality and shelter, a cause near and dear to the hotel chain. "There's a lot of excitement to have a partnership that's not just about writing a check," says Kelly Kane, senior director of Choice corporate communications. "We wanted to give time, too." Like many companies, Choice offers eight hours of paid volunteer release leave, a perk Kane says is taken advantage of by about 10 percent of its large employee



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base. Choice also offers a \$500 cash donation to any eligible organization where an employee volunteers 100 hours within a year. Cleveland Park resident Heather Soule, manager of communications at Choice, has signed up for company-sponsored paint-brush-and-hammer sessions with Rebuilding Together; she has also taken advantage of paid leave hours to volunteer her time with Luke's Wings (Lukeswings.org), a wounded veterans assistance charity co-founded by one of her co-workers.

"With these hard economic



Members of Choice Hotels' Rebuilding Together rehab a shelter in Rockville, Md.

DAVID J. HATHCOX

times, a lot of people are struggling," says Soule, 28. "If you're not, I think it's your responsibility to give back when you can."

Supporting and encouraging volunteerism can also help with employee recruitment — and retention. "Social responsibility is crucial to me in an employer," says Megan Woods, 27, accreditation systems coordinator and volunteer member of the Community Outreach Team at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (Asha.org). "It feeds into the kind of work culture we have." As an avid volunteer, Woods men-

tors foster kids and helps out at a women's night shelter in D.C. She cites an hour commute from her home in Dupont Circle to ASHA's headquarters in Rockville as proof of how much she values the organization's generous spirit.

"Volunteerism helps create healthy work-life balance," explains Arlene Pietranton, executive director of ASHA. In addition to an HR initiative that offers paid administrative leave time for half the time spent at an approved volunteer activity, ASHA also organizes a number of donation drives and

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volunteer activities throughout the year to engage its 250 staff members, including family gift sponsorships during the holidays and charity teams for events such as the annual fall Walk4Hearing.

Soule and Woods embody the hands-on approach many Generation Y-ers favor. "Young people today have grown up where being part of a community and serving is very much part of the fabric of who we are," says Joseph Suarez, director of community relations for



Heather Soule of Choice Hotels works on a new outreach program for the company.

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CEO OF THE AREA'S UNITED WAY

Booz Allen Hamilton (Boozallen.com), a McLean, Va.-based consulting firm. "And as they've done in middle school, high school and college, they also expect that [dedication to service] when they look

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'Songwriting: Digging Deeper' will give you the right words to make your tune pop

Musically inclined is one thing. Lyrically inclined can be quite another. Do you find a melody comes easily to your mind but putting words to your tune eludes you? There's a class for that.

"Songwriting: Digging Deeper" at the Writer's Center aims to help songwriters overcome and avoid writer's block.

But first students have to get over shyness, says Cathy Fink, class instructor and a songwriter with two Grammy Awards and 11 Grammy nominations under her belt. "When you're sharing your songs, you're sharing something very personal. It's not like a math class where everybody has the same answer if you're going to be correct."

The Basics

The class is open to 15 people "who are already pretty good songwriters and are ready to take their writing to the next level," Fink says, adding that it's about lyrics, not musical notes, and all genres are welcome.

"We share a lot of songs; we critique each other's songs; we talk about the elements of a really, really great song," Fink says. "I tend to give a lot of assignments that keep people writing, keep the juices flowing." Students should bring a song they've written and a way to play it to the first class, such as with an instrument or as a recording. Each of the six classes will involve writing assignments and homework.

"Sometimes I will bring in an instrument or two and create a groove and say to people, 'Now try writing something to this' or 'Try not writing a song but just word-



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associating to it," she says. "One of my favorite assignments is finding a story in the newspaper or a line in the newspaper that's worth writing a song about. It helps you learn that as a songwriter, you are required to sit down and write."

What You'll Learn

Great songs have universal appeal, Fink says. "What we're trying to do is create a process of writing songs that makes the songs of interest to others. It's an opportunity for people to write songs not just for their own personal journals, so to speak. If you're going to sing a song for other people, or if you're going to ask other people to listen to it, it has to start meeting some other criteria."

Fink and three guest lecturers will give airtime to song hooks (the

line that makes the song memorable), story-building and the importance of editing and revising.

"At the end of [six] weeks, everybody is going to have a bunch of new songs that they have really, really, really worked on," she says.

But turning them into hits is up to you. "Nothing changes unless you change it. Nothing grows unless you grow it. What people get out of the class is going to be determined a lot by how much time they spend practicing."

What's the Deal?

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Booze Clues

Snack Attack

Falling unemployment numbers aside, this is still the Great Recession. You might not be eating cereal for dinner anymore — except that one day when you were lazy. No, wait, that was me. But you're probably still on



By Fiona Zublin

the hunt for cheap dinner options. Our advice: Spend happy hour at Zengo (781 7th St. NW), the Latin-Asian restaurant in Chinatown. No, happy hour doesn't count as dinner, technically. No one needs to know. Deal time runs from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday — we appreciate the Saturday! — and includes the standard-for-any-joint-calling-itself-Latin \$5 cocktails: mojitos, margaritas and caipirinhas.

The real draw here is the selection of \$5 small plates. The Angry Zengo is a sushi roll that blends tuna and sesame-chipotle sauce, and I can't talk any more about it because now I'm too hungry to coherently form sentences. Other standouts: the pork belly steamed buns with grilled pineapple and the shrimp-mushroom pot stickers. Yeah, it's "Latin-Asian fusion," and we can't stand it when people who aren't physicists talk about "fusion," but you can't argue with delicious.

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TNT's Truly Adult Fare

Ray Romano and co. give the midlife crisis a face-lift with 'Men of a Certain Age'

Television Review

There's something rare and wonderful about "Men of a Certain Age" (tonight at 10), and yet it keeps seeming either vaguely or highly familiar. For viewers of a certain outlook, the show also plunks resounding chords of painful affirmation.

Ray Romano, a living saint at CBS for his nine hugely profitable seasons of "Everybody Loves Raymond," created and co-wrote the series with Mike Royce, a "Raymond" writer and producer, and what makes the show ambitious is not that it ventures into virgin territory but that it has the courage to add to voluminous literature on its subject, the great American midlife crisis. Before you say "Oh, no, not that again," take a look — and risk being enthralled.

"Midlife" takes in a lot of territory: such related subjects as divorce, fear of aging, fear of dying and, of course, fear of fear. In the show, Romano proves himself genuinely an actor. This, however, is a show with three starring parts; the other two are filled by Scott Bakula — in the best series role of his life — and Andre Braugher, who immortalized himself in "Homicide: Life on the Street."



Ray Romano, Andre Braugher and Scott Bakula play a trio of college friends who are working through midlife growing pains.

Change

A Dramatic Direction

In an interview with AOL Television, Ray Romano discussed shifting from his sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond" to his current, weightier dramedy. "I was more drawn to this," he said. "To something a little more — I don't want to say dramatic — but definitely more real. This was just, you know, the natural thing to do. We still want to do comedy, you know, and we still write comedy, but we write it in a much realer universe." (EXPRESS)

Braugher looks startlingly out of shape in "Certain Age," but his character, Owen Thoreau, is supposed to be. Like his two friends, Owen is in his late 40s and riddled with aches and anxieties, and he struggles to keep up on the trio's early morning hikes. Romano

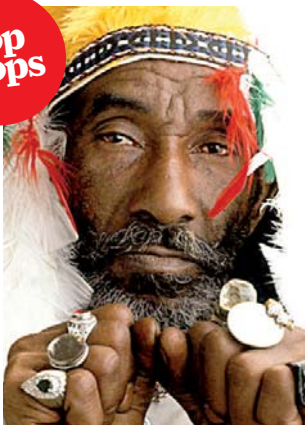
plays Joe, proprietor of Joe's Party Depot and not the pro golfer he once dreamed of being. Bakula shows refreshing depth and maturity as Terry, the third member of the group and the one most desperately clinging to youth. Honesty is one of the show's great virtues. Another is its ability to keep a positive outlook and not become a dirge, despite the sobering realities being bandied about. The bandying is outstanding, presumably compelling, even for those who are only tangentially acquainted with the woes of middle age, a time of life generally dismissed by those younger and older. **TOM SHALES** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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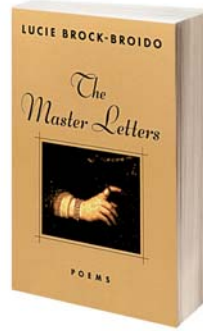
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1 Scratch That
Doing something first doesn't necessarily make you the best at it. But Lee "Scratch" Perry, who was making reggae music and dubbing samples before most people knew what those things were, is also one of the handful of musicians who can make reggae consistently surprising and interesting to listen to. And he was there first. **F.Z. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 7 p.m., \$25; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**



2 Cake and Poetry
Every year, the Folger Shakespeare Library branches out into poetry to celebrate the birthday of Emily Dickinson. There will be cake, along with a reading by Lucie Brock-Broido from her new book about Dickinson, "The Master Letters." If you can't make it, pay homage to the reclusive poet by using a lot of oddly placed — dashes in — your correspondence. **F.Z. Folger Theatre, 201 East Capitol St. SE; 7:30 p.m., \$12; 202-544-4600, Folger.edu. (Capitol South)**

3 With Liberty And Justice
The National Museum of the American Indian banks on small-but-powerful exhibits, and "IndiVisible," though tiny, packs a punch. It focuses on the interaction between American Indians and African Americans throughout our country's history, the politics of blended heritage and the question of race between oppressed groups. **F.Z. National Museum of the American Indian, 4th Street and Independence Avenue SW; through May 31, free; 202-633-1000, Americanindian.si.edu. (L'Enfant Plaza)**

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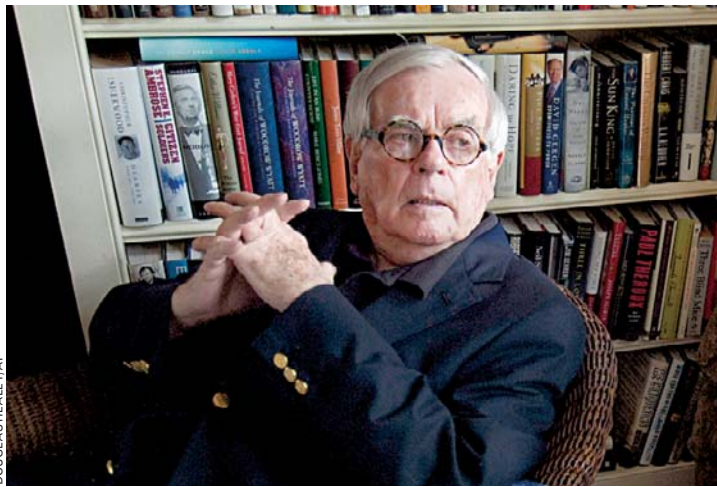
Dominick Dunne's new novel is more frivolous than fun

Book Review

Dominick Dunne died earlier this year on the very unlucky date of Aug. 26, just one day after Sen. Ted Kennedy. That his obituary was so thoroughly overshadowed seems tragically ironic, considering Dunne's fascination, which resulted in some particularly incisive commentary over the years on the corruptive influence of money and power.

Well-versed in the art of name-dropping, Dunne sought fame himself, or at least increasing proximity to fame. But what kept him from becoming simply another hanger-on was that he seemed to belong so thoroughly to another time, a rosy heyday when the goings-on of moneyed New Yorkers counted as salacious gossip even outside Manhattan.

During his lifetime, Dunne wrote four works of nonfiction, seven novels and countless articles and journals, mostly for "Vanity Fair." His first posthumous book



Author Dominick Dunne's first posthumous work is a slender, but overlong, novel.

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is fiction, and its title is enticing: "Too Much Money" could describe any of his literary undertakings, whether their events are real or imagined. Unfortunately, he is a better chronicler than inventor, and this novel is both slim and overlong, repetitive and scandalously tedious.

At the center of the novel is Augustus "Gus" Bailey, a thinly veiled stand-in for the author himself. Bailey is a writer for a fictional magazine called Park Avenue.

He is being sued for libel by a congressman who bears an uncanny resemblance to Gary Condit, and he is being stalked by the third-richest woman in the world.

Nothing much happens in "Too Much Money," and it's impossible to get caught up in this world of reflected glamour. Bailey shows up at dinner parties and restaurants, reporting on the goings-on of a gaggle of society women. But there's no illuminating scandal to lend "Too Much Money" a gossipy frisson nor a story line to give any sense of stakes to these characters' predicaments. Especially during this recession, it seems more frivolous than fun.

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War on Consumerism

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Documentary

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While consumers appear amused and occasionally enlightened by his antics, most mall



ROBIN SHULMAN/TWP

"What Would Jesus Buy?" follows the Rev. Billy to many American malls.

security guards consider him a threat. We get to see him arrested, or threatened with arrest, from Times Square to Minnesota's Mall of America to Disneyland's Main

Street USA.

Both lighthearted and deadly serious, "Jesus" beseeches viewers to at least think about their consumerism and to support small Main Street stores instead of faceless corporate entities. It also decries the disappearance of the public forum for dissent and contrary ideas, particularly those that challenge corporations.

The film observes that many people live in places without sidewalks or town squares, where they are forced to drive from a private home to a private mall, a place where the free expression of First Amendment rights is considered trespassing. And the Rev Billy has the arrest record to prove it. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**

Best Bets

PBS 9:00

Anatomy of a Pandemic Ray Suarez ("PBS News-Hour") reports from the front lines of the efforts to combat the H1N1 swine flu pandemic. The special also surveys the current health crisis in the context of earlier pandemics, such as the 1918 influenza outbreak.

CW 8:00

The Vampire Diaries Elena is drawn to Stefan, a handsome and mysterious new student; Vicki is attacked at a party; and Stefan learns that his evil older brother, Damon, has returned.

NBC 8:00

The Sing-Off It looks like the Peacock has a bad case of "Glee" fever! In this new competitive reality series, a cappella groups from across the United States vie for a recording contract with Sony — in addition to bragging rights, of course.

CBS 10:00

CSI: Miami Eric Delko returns as an expert witness for the defense, pitting himself against Horatio and the rest of his old team. Emily Procter and Eddie Cibrian star.



ABC 8:00

Jennifer Hudson: I'll Be Home for Christmas

In this special, the Academy Award-winning singer and actress travels to Chicago to relive childhood Christmases by performing at her neighborhood church, the music academy where she studied and other Windy City locations. **(TRIBUNE MEDIA)**

Foodie Fave

Veg Out As alliances begin to take shape among the classmates on "Chef Academy" (10 p.m., Bravo), one student starts to get on everyone's nerves, and another is awarded a dinner cooked by Chef Novelli. This week's test is to re-create three vegetarian dishes, but some of the students' efforts are so lackluster that Novelli must give them a chance to redeem themselves in the new episode "Naked Lunch." **(TRIBUNE MEDIA)**



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Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You may have to put certain plans on the back burner and focus instead on an unexpected issue that demands immediate attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Something you've been waiting for is about to happen, but don't just sit back. Take an active part in what's going on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You're likely to be drawn to two very different endeavors: one that requires one approach and another that requires a very different one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You've been harboring notions that are actually outdated; they're not likely to serve you well at this time. Rethink your thinking.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Put aside prejudice, and judge what you see as you see it, not according to some scale of value that was forced on you long ago.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can seal a deal, but you're going to have to jump at a surprise opportunity that requires you to rearrange your entire day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be tempted to accept an offer, but step back and consider all possible ramifications. Are you hurting someone else?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Love beckons, but it's not someone new who calls. You're likely to feel a little extra something for someone already close to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Now is the time for you to experiment with a loved one. Get a little crazy, try something new, and add a little fire to your day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Domestic issues are likely to require increased attention. You may be trying to strengthen a relationship in an unusual but effective way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It's a good day for you to head off in a new direction, if only temporarily. You may be starting something that offers profit and pleasure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The challenges that come your way are likely to excite you, not turn you away. You'll approach what comes with greater energy and verve.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 203

A ₁	A ₁	E ₁	E ₁	R ₁	P ₃	M ₃

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RACK 1

A ₁	E ₁	I ₁	U ₁	D ₂	D ₂	N ₁

3rd Letter Triple

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RACK 2

A ₁	E ₁	O ₁	W ₄	R ₁	S ₁	F ₄

Double Word Score

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RACK 3

A ₁	E ₁	E ₁	U ₁	D ₂	S ₁	T ₁

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RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

L ₁	E ₁	E ₁	W ₄	A ₁	Y ₄	
T ₁	O ₁	P ₃	C ₃	O ₁	A ₁	T ₁
C ₃	U ₁	T ₁	L ₁	A ₁	S ₁	S ₁
A ₁	V ₄	O ₁	I ₁	D ₂	E ₁	D ₂

PAR SCORE 150-160 TOTAL 220

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

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			8		4			
9				6				2
7	6		2		3		8	9
		1	9		8	6		
	3						5	
		8	3		2	9		
1	9		7		5		4	3
5				8				7
			4		1			

Friday's Solution

7	6	9	8	4	1	5	2	3
5	1	3	6	2	7	4	9	8
4	2	8	5	3	9	6	1	7
1	4	7	3	5	2	9	8	6
3	8	5	9	7	6	2	4	1
2	9	6	1	8	4	3	7	5
9	7	1	4	6	3	8	5	2
8	3	2	7	9	5	1	6	4
6	5	4	2	1	8	7	3	9

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Forecast

50 | **43**

Today: Some sunshine today. Partly cloudy tonight.

55 | **37**

Tomorrow: A shower in the area tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

WED **40** | **THU** **26** | **FRI** **41** | **27** | **42** | **28**

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:19 a.m.
Sunset today: 4:47 p.m.
Moonrise today: 5:43 a.m.
Moonset today: 3:11 p.m.

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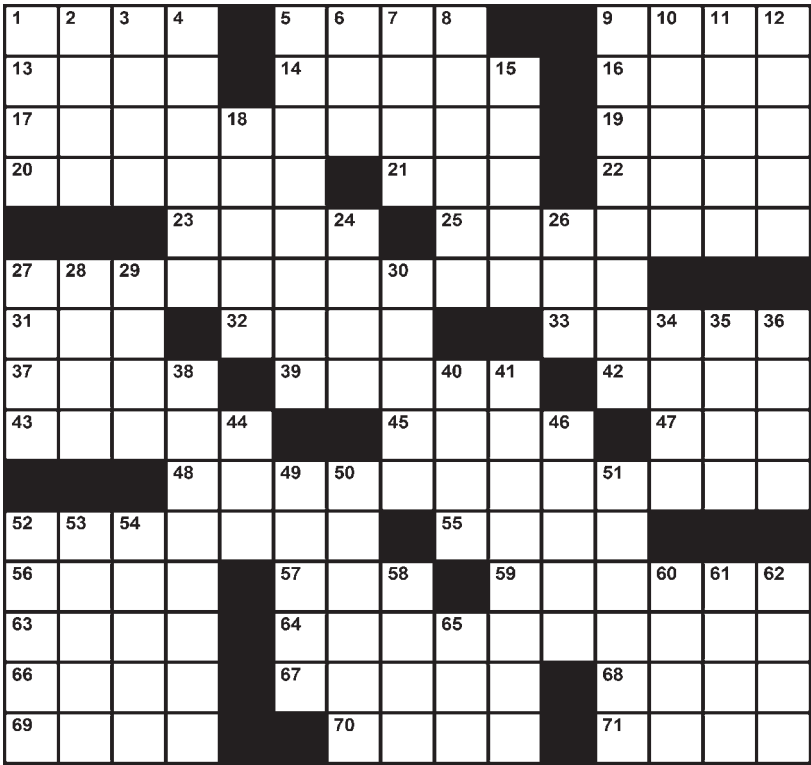
REPEATEDLY

ACROSS

- 1 When Purim is observed
- 5 Cleric in Cannes
- 9 Some computer keys
- 13 Forerunner of 42-Across, in Italy
- 14 Forenoons
- 16 Tall story
- 17 One after the other
- 19 Gen. Robert ____
- 20 Not so red-cheeked
- 21 "____-Pan" (1966 novel)
- 22 Beret's place
- 23 Bridge distance
- 25 Dog show worker
- 27 Unmarried young woman
- 31 "Black Orpheus" locale
- 32 "Anything ____?"
- 33 Not handwritten
- 37 Access for a collier
- 39 Gossipy sort
- 42 100 cents, in France
- 43 Chief port of Italy
- 45 Trike riders
- 47 ____-tickler
- 48 Subject of some celebrity sightings
- 52 Tiny plant part
- 55 Fall abbr.
- 56 "Money ____ object!"
- 57 50 Cent piece?
- 59 Chilled dessert
- 63 Chesterfield, e.g.
- 64 How boxing matches may be recounted
- 66 Eclectic mix
- 67 Fiber used to make rugs
- 68 Be ominous
- 69 "Come, Rover!"
- 70 Give up
- 71 Sentencing unit

DOWN

- 1 Jessica of Hollywood
- 2 "Buenos ____"
- 3 Curved construction
- 4 Debonair
- 5 In a nonvirtuous way
- 6 Bounce (up and down)
- 7 Little angel's opposite
- 8 Confine, as a bird
- 9 How some see
- 10 Capital of the Beaver State
- 11 Domain of King Minos
- 12 Display of contempt
- 15 Pants alternative
- 18 "Dances With Wolves" home
- 24 Smoke detector?
- 26 Slugging Giant Mel
- 27 Speak highly of oneself
- 28 Assistant
- 29 Susan B. Anthony is on one



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- 30 Takes office space, in a way
- 34 Knitting loop
- 35 Spooky-sounding lake
- 36 American League color line breaker
- 38 In close competition
- 40 Outscores
- 41 Shaking like a leaf
- 44 ____ Saints' Day
- 46 Indian in the British army
- 49 "Rock" and "roll," for two
- 50 Slanted, as type
- 51 Unlike a beanpole
- 52 Big name in copiers
- 53 "____ Mio"
- 54 Live

- 58 Get shot in a studio?
- 60 Astringent fruit
- 61 Moviegoer's drink
- 62 Basin accompanier
- 65 Cabbage batch?

Friday's Solution



Today in History

1799 George Washington, the first U.S. president, dies at his Mount Vernon, Va., home at age 67.

1911 Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen becomes the first man to reach the South Pole.

1985 Wilma Mankiller becomes the first woman to lead a major American Indian tribe, the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.



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**JEALOUSY****Celine Dion Totally Getting a Jet Next Time**

Casino owner Steve Wynn lured Garth Brooks out of retirement. Now, the curtain is rising on Brooks' show on the Las Vegas Strip. The act opens Friday for a select series of 15 weekend gigs a year for the next five years at the Wynn Las Vegas resort. Wynn even bought Brooks a private jet to make sure he can be home on Mondays to spend time with his three daughters. (AP)



WILLIAM THOMAS CAIN/GETTY IMAGES

Jon Gosselin did not appear in court Thursday, but the very concept of him gave the metropolitan D.C. area the heebies.

YUCK**Rockville Wants to Take a Shower**

A Rockville judge ruled Thursday Jon Gosselin must stop making media appearances and endorsements the TLC network claims violate his contract. The judge granted a preliminary injunction, pending the outcome of an April 19 trial. Gosselin's lawyer said he was confident Gosselin would win. (AP)

INEVITABLE**Tomorrow: Her Miracle Pregnancy Weight Loss!**

Playboy Playmate and "Girls Next Door" star Kendra Wilkinson and her NFL husband, Hank Baskett, are the new parents of a baby boy. Hank Randall

Baskett IV was delivered Friday in Indianapolis, where his father is a wide receiver for the Colts. He weighed in at 9 pounds, 5 ounces. It's the first child for the 24-year-old Hugh Hefner ex and the 27-year-old Baskett. (AP)

Where Are They Now?**They Sure Grow Up Fast**

"Family Ties" actor Brian Bonsall has been charged in Boulder, Colo., with second-degree assault after police say he beat a friend with a broken stool. Bonsall, 28, could face between two to six years in prison if he's convicted. (AP)

**GENEROSITY****There Must Be a Killer Dog Somewhere in This**

Stephen King and his wife are donating money so 150 soldiers from the Maine Army National Guard can come home for the holidays. The couple are paying \$12,999 (King thought \$13,000 sounded unlucky) toward the cost of two bus trips for the soldiers. (AP)



"Spencer my love my heart my King/You are my world and my everything/I love you more than I could ever express."

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